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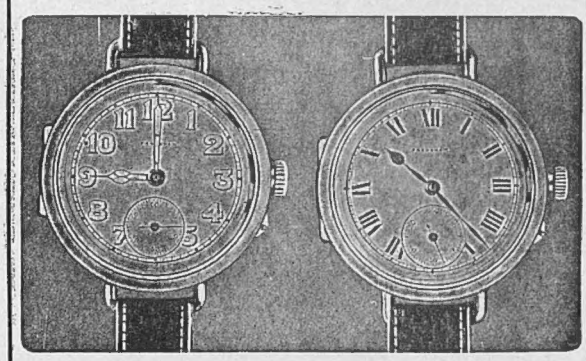

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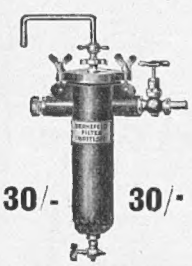

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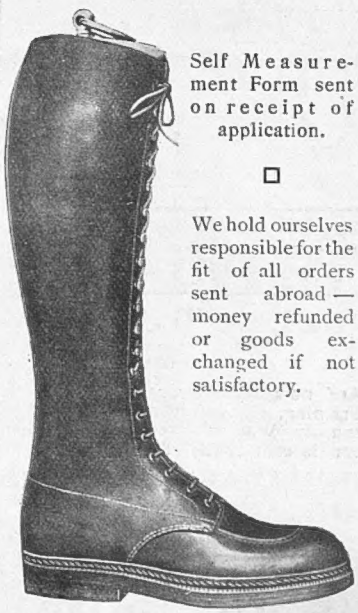

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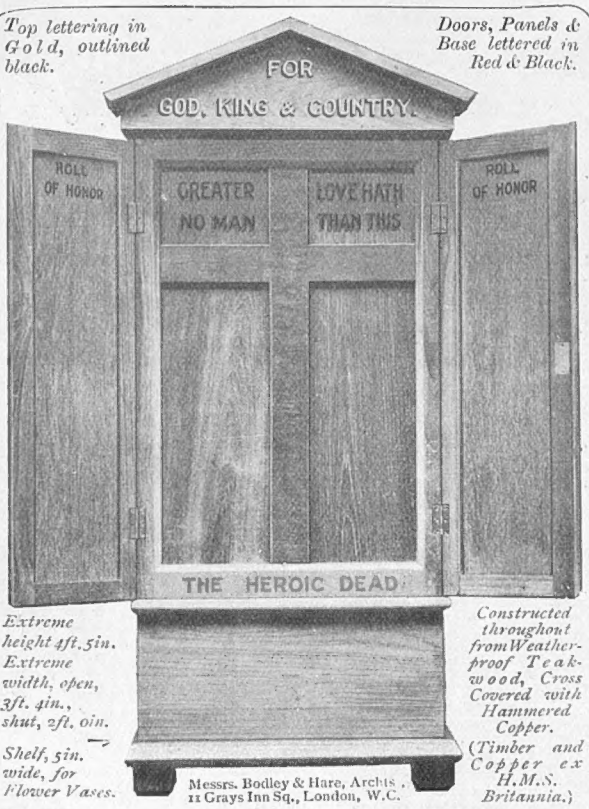

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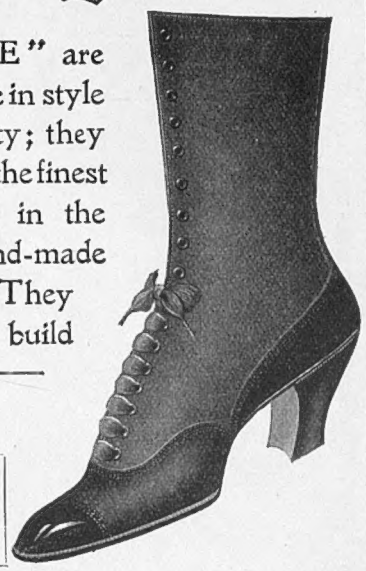

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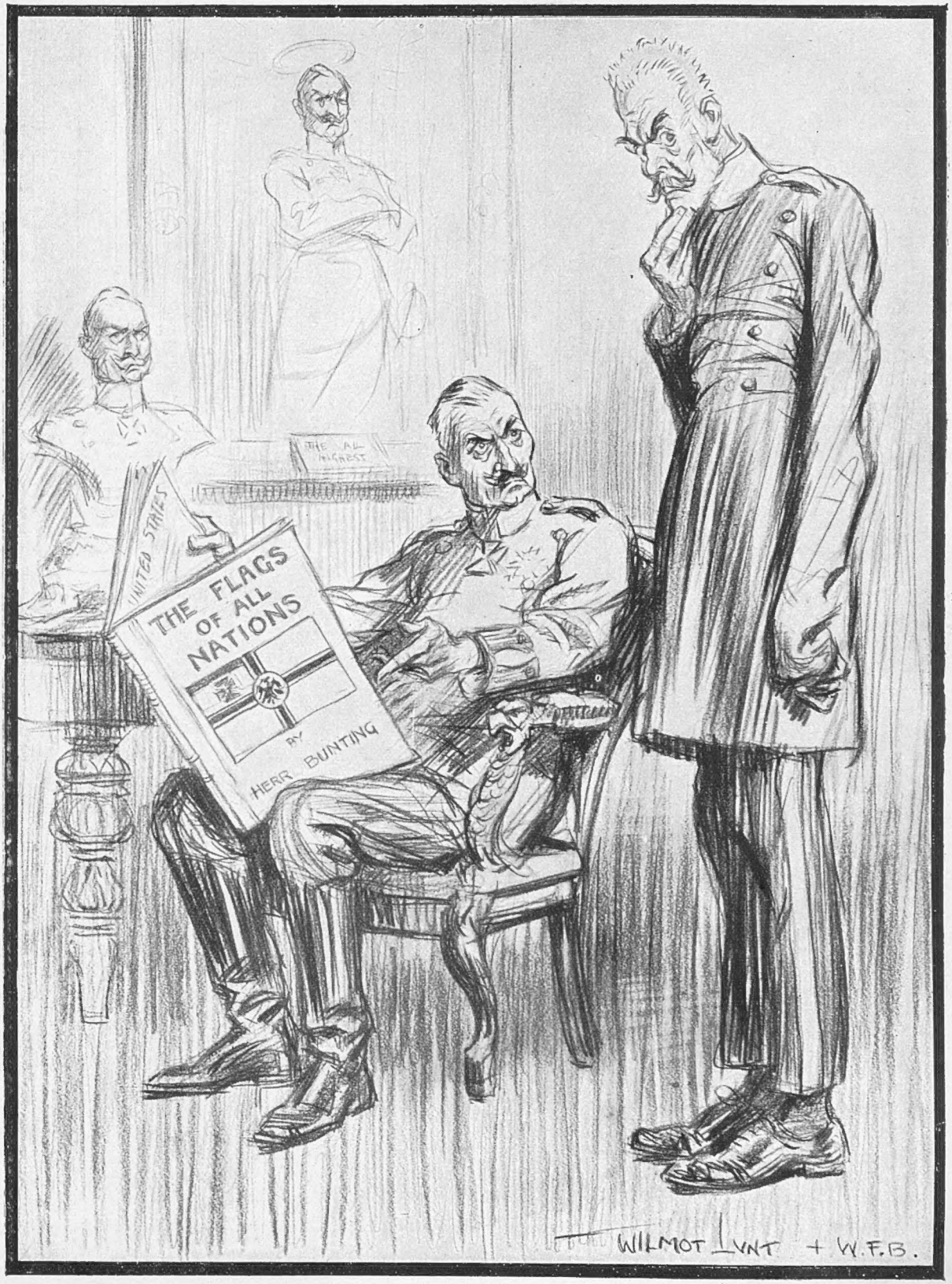

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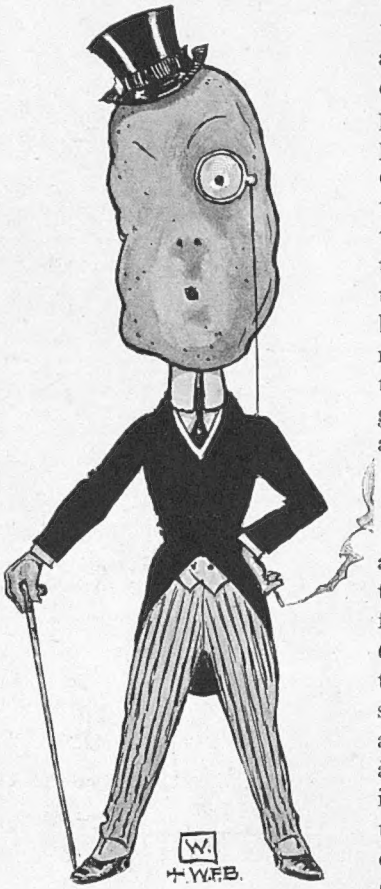
But, Columbia!

Hail, Columbia! But, Columbia, don't forget that the revolution against autocracy which President Wilson so properly invited will have to be a very thorough affair before it can satisfy us. Revolution may take place in Germany or Germany's rulers may capitulate on the ground that they cannot fight the world; but if either of these events shuts up the war like a clasp knife we shall do well to be very suspicious about it. This war was a long time hatching, it has been a long time fighting, and it must be a long time ending if it really is to end and not merely be damped down and left to simmer.

See, Columbia?

Hail, Columbia! So, Columbia, if revolution comes it must be of the kind that will hand us the Kaiser's head on a charger. Or if Germany's rulers capitulate there must be some *hara-kiri* to show they really mean it. Otherwise militarism will not be dead but sleeping, and banished or self-effaced rulers will only wait their time to repeat Napoleon's return from Elba. They *might* repeat the Elba trick by letting militarism go to sleep under the temporary spell of revolution; they unquestionably *would* repeat it if they could persuade us that they were truly sorry and never would do it again; and they unquestionably will *not* repeat it if we wipe out them and militarism simultaneously on the field of battle.



CITY NOTE:—"GOING TO ALLOTMENT"

Germans, but Gentlemen

I wonder why it is that the German raider skippers are so different from the U-boat commanders. The most recent example is Count Unker, and his vessel is no more than a sailing ship of 1,500 tons fitted with engines. Don't deny pluck to the man who slips out on such a vessel on such an errand, with death in a particularly unpleasant form the certain end of his cruise. He and his predecessors might follow the U-boat practice of setting victims adrift in open boats. Instead they take them aboard and ultimately transfer them to another prize. What is the reason of the difference between the two classes of commander? My belief is that occasionally a German naval officer is found who refuses to do the U-boat crimes, and is given, and takes, the alternative—a raider.

Ideals and Ads

But you can get contrasts of courage and of ideals much nearer home than the German navy. In Fleet Street, for example. The other day the *Daily Chronicle* announced its disapproval of the National Service organisation. It said the St. Ermin's newspaper advertising campaign was wasteful and wrong—and that, therefore, it would not take any more of the said advertisements. The other day also the *Times* published a solemn leading article declaring that Easter holiday travelling was wasteful and wrong—and on the same day published two-thirds of a page of "Where to Spend Easter" advertisements. You perceive the difference?

Ordeal by Board and Battle

One interesting point about the newest Military Service comb is that whatever else the Act may be it is a standing reflection on the Medical Boards before whose wisdom the discharged and the rejected must again pass—and probably will. If they had

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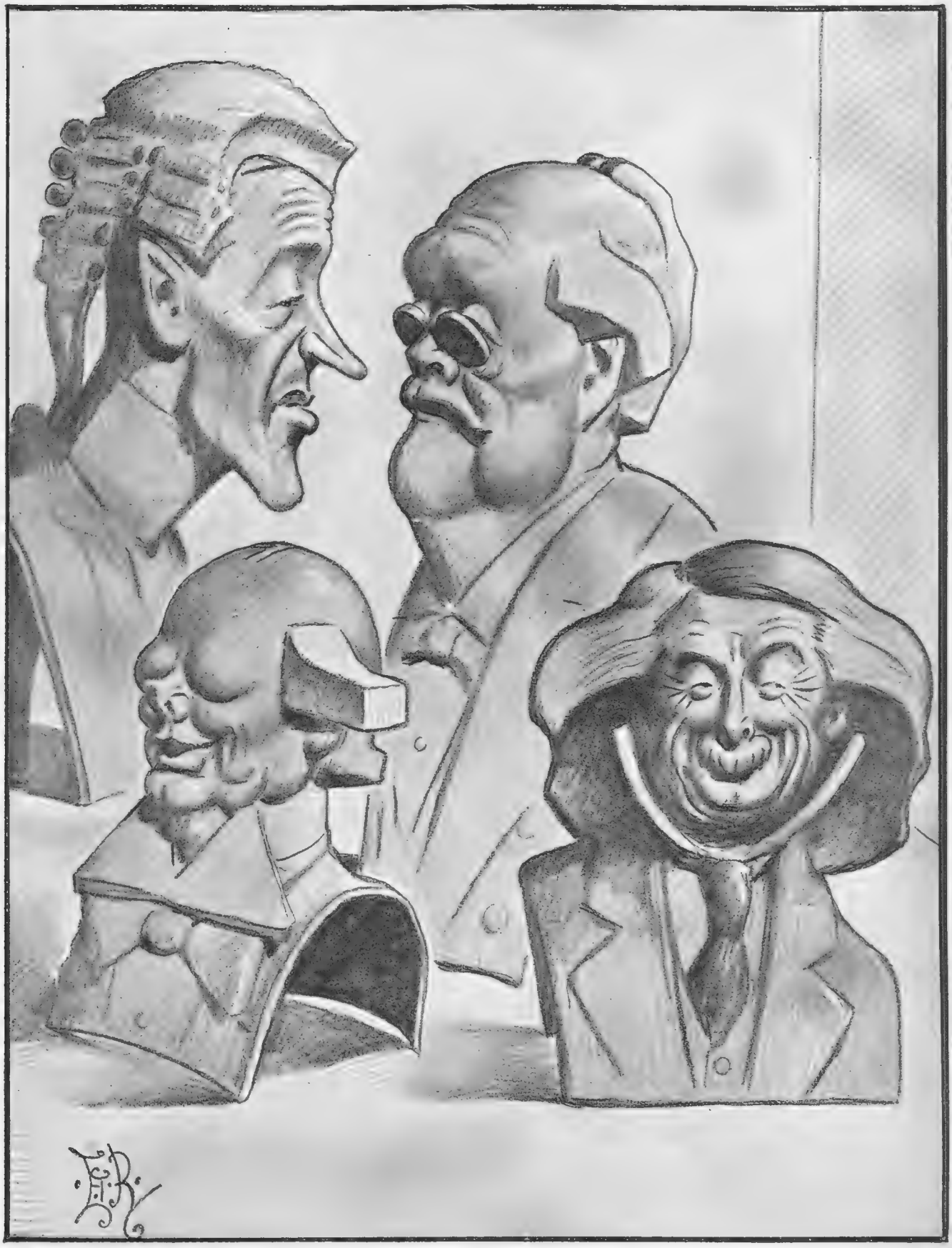

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carried out their work efficiently in the first instance there would be no grounds for the bright hopes of new army corps built upon putting through it once more the rejected and those discharged in a few weeks after having been passed fit. I hope more men will be rounded up by this means than by those other round-ups at railways, racecourses, and the like. I hope also that it may yet be found possible to exempt from the Act those who have been discharged as a result of wounds or sickness on service. They have had their "ordeal by battle," and nothing will ever convince anybody who keeps his eyes open, whether in camp or city, that there are thousands who ought to have had theirs, but haven't, and don't seem likely to.

Luxuries and Rubbish

Everyone has met the irritating class of person who goes about saying we shall never want any of our abandoned luxuries restored to us because we now see how well we get on without them. My good fool, we *don't*. We *do* without them, some for one reason and some for another; and if the luxury itself is removed from the market we all do without it because we must. But nobody *wants* to push about on a bicycle while his car remains petrol-less in his garage; or wants to eat swedes instead of potatoes; or wants to be permanently prohibited from travelling by train except at inordinate discomfort and robbery; or wants to grope about the streets in pitch darkness at night; or wants to be unable to say "What's yours?" for the rest of his life. No doubt if they take next our telephones, tubes, and teas we shall get on perfectly well without them. We could "get on" without most things except our skins; but depend upon it there will be no anxiety to delay getting off all these war inflictions once the necessity for them ceases.

THE "GRAND ELECTOR" OF LIBERTY

Dr. Bernhard, of St. Moritz, who visits England and Germany periodically to select prisoners of war of both nationalities, who are unfit for further service, to be sent to Switzerland for the sake of their health

Next Easter Monday????

Thinking of Easter Monday, someone confided to me the obvious remark that Bank Holidays are not what they used to be; but when he added "and never will be again" we fell to arguing. I am inclined to think they will be just the same—only much more so. That feeling of fellowship among Bank Holiday crowds of peace time, surely it will be enormously intensified in the same crowds—or any crowds—after the war. In the pressure of a Crystal Palace Cup Final crowd someone will shout "Form Fours," or something of the kind, and one imagines the general laugh with which it will be greeted. Everybody will have been through it. Everybody, where two or three—or more, up to a million—are gathered together will have had experiences in common, and the fact cannot help but tell. On cup-tie days of yore Londoners used to look at the Northerners and Midlanders who invaded us as if they were foreigners and part of the show. On the next cup final they will have shared with Londoners the invasion of Germany (out, base optimism!)—or of England!

ASSESSING DAMAGES

General Nivelle pointing out the ravages made by the retreating Huns to M. Painlevé, the French Minister of War, who, with the President, M. Poincaré, has been visiting Noyon, Roye, Peronne, and other of the towns now once more in French hands

"Many Happy Returns . . ."

TO H.H. PRINCESS MAUD

Younger daughter of the Princess Royal (Duchess of Fife), who celebrated her birthday last week. She and her elder sister (Princess Arthur of Connaught) are two of the most charming and popular of our English princesses

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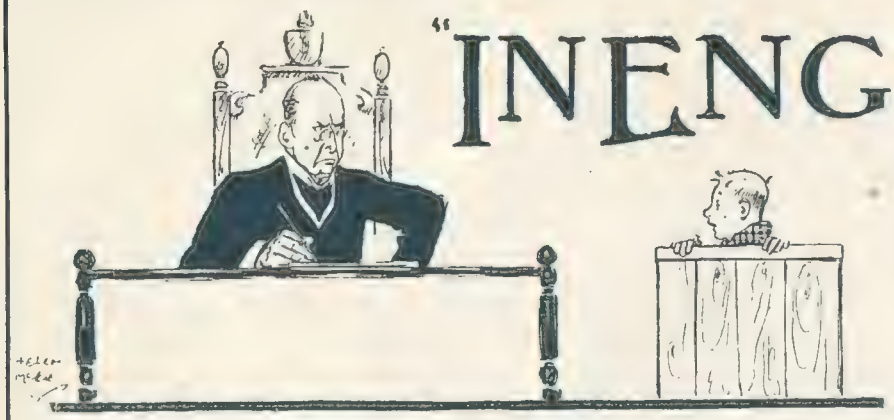

"Please, sir, I saw it at the pictures"

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"

LONDON, *April* 9, 1917.

MY DEAR COUSIN—

QUITE a lot of things ought to start happening now that Easter's over—for instance, some of our old Committees and Commissions and things. You see, I'm one of the optimists—effect of spring and the absorption of ozone at Easter. Too funny, by the way, how they increase and multiply—the Committees, I mean.

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EVERY day there's a fresh one. I've forgotten all the old, of course, but just a few of the new are—the Sugar Committee to find out all about the sugar supply and tell Lord Devonport (who I did think knew about it, but still. . . .), a Fish Committee *re* price of the denizens of the deep, as Bobby Hale calls them, and, of course, a Potato Committee (I *am* fed up with *them*); also a Beer Committee to fix up what we're to pay the brewer people when the Government take over beer. Imagine it! Only ten million barrels we're to have this year. Beginning to feel the grip of war, *aren't* we?

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BEER-DRINKERS will positively die of thirst; and I hear the brewers are fairly gnashing their teeth and tearing their hair and rending their garments because, for the good of the country, drink's to be a national affair; but perhaps they saved enough for, anyway, a modest aunnity in those fair, fat years before the war when they raked in their cent. per cent. and excess profits hadn't been born.

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THEN there's a Coal Committee to put us on coal rations (bit late in the year, perhaps, with summer-time starting last Sunday, but you know what our English summers are); and an Electricity Committee to give us all cheap electric light (I don't think); and a Committee on the Utilisation and Feeding of Horses (I suppose to put them on oat rations, poor dears); and a War Memorial Plaque Committee; and a Committee to run the National Gallery; and one to start a War Museum after the war. Lastly, a Cinema Committee to inquire into the effect of "the pictures" on the morals and manners of the rising generation.

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IT'S become rather a fashion with magistrates of late, you know, to put down every sort of juvenile crime to the pernicious influence of the movies; and the infant criminals, tumbling to the tip, have worked the excuse every time, and got off lightly again and again on the artless plea that "Please, sir, we saw it at the pictures:" but so far His Britannic Majesty's Commissioners in solemn session assembled seem to have failed to extract from the cloud of witnesses (from a degenerate aged four and a half, who pleaded guilty to a passion for Charlie Chaplin, to one of thirteen who "didn't care much for love-stories") evidence of any very new or very blood-curdling species of crime caused by cinema-going. Still, one boy did admit that at these hot-beds of infant vice they sometimes pulled the girls' hair, but—"the girls seemed to enjoy it."

"To vote or not to vote"

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AS to the food question, very little's happened that's definite—except advice; but *that* we get in shoals. The latest from the new Director of Food Economy (whom you must not mix up with the Food Controller) is that it's perfectly easy to dispense with meat, bread, sugar, and potatoes. Why not have oysters, lobsters, and other fish, chickens, ducks, woodcock, snipe, turtle soup, *caviare*, etc.?

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WHY not, indeed, if you're a millionaire and aren't worrying about all that other advice about economy and things that we used to hear so much about. But if you're rich enough for that you've also got a cellar, and when you can afford just the

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drink you like when you want it it doesn't really matter much, does it, what kind of food you have with it? Most of us, in fact, wouldn't mind fairly wallowing in all the most horridly economical of substitutes and things, 'specially the cereal, seedy, maizey kind, if only we could always have something really good to wash it down with; but the trouble is—most of us haven't got a cellar!

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WHICH reminds me, rather revolutionary, I suppose, but not a bad idea, would it be, if the next Food Controller or Director man they appointed to ration the masses was not quite so happily removed from the daily urgent need of considering the mere paltry necessities of life as Lord Devonport or Captain Bathurst or the newest economy expert, Mr. Kennedy Jones? Somehow, when you've got a fixed and settled and increasing income that you count by the thousands a year it's only human nature to forget, if you ever knew, the minute and grinding straits which those who count theirs by hundreds have to struggle with day in, day out—and sometimes during the silent watches of the night as well.

"Mesmeric eyes and bird's-nest beard"

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AND while we were about it we might be even still more drastic and revolutionary—revolutions, after all, are in the air—and appoint someone as Food Controller who really had some experience of controlling food—say, a middle-class woman who'd run a middle-class household on a middle-class income—a bigger job nowadays than building a battleship. Stranger things may happen, for nothing's impossible in war-time. Even the vote!

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APROPOS, too funny the way they all sat about in the House last week and coyly confessed that they'd changed their minds—women had been such *good* children since the war that they *really* thought now they might, perhaps, have the vote. True, one outspoken gentleman did say he considered Mr. Asquith's change of front "an intellectual lapse on the part of an acute mind," and, of course, logically (that being woman's chief quality) I can't see quite why we've any more right to a vote *now* than we had *before* the war.

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HOWEVER. . . . So long as we *get* it, that's all that matters; but I anticipate that age-limit stopping just a few, don't you? Whether it's thirty or thirty-five they haven't settled yet, but I can see the great problem to vote or not to vote is going to be a terrific struggle between patriotism and women's most cherished privilege of fixing her own birthdays *and* the number of them.

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AND, of course, there are also those soft, womanly things, who, as they've often told me, "wouldn't know what to do with a vote if I had it, dear." I suppose they'd consult their oculist about how to vote and who to vote for. Apropos, amazing, isn't it, the wave of Spiritualism that's swept over a certain not too intellectual type since the war? A little more and we shall be having our own Rasputins, with their mesmeric eyes and their bird's-nest beards (but I do trust not their appalling morals) here in England, soon. All our most exotic fashions do come from Russia, amongst them high hats, ditto boots, the fleshly school of ballet, and the best *caviare*.

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THE book of the week, by the way, that everyone's reading, those anonymous "Russian Court Memoirs" that have just come out with quite tremendous timeliness, throws a perfectly lurid light on the way the Germans have been running the country and the Court, though rather on the discreet side in its references to those most favoured of Russia's children, the Grand Dukes and their progeny. As to the deposed Imperial family, the Emperor, the most charming and sweet-natured of men, can't bear to be bothered, and the Empress, who is more intellectual than he is, entirely rules him. For ten years there had been no balls or receptions of any kind at Court, for the Empress is painfully shy, of a truly German exclusiveness, and morbid to the *n*th degree.

"I am always cheerful, and yet so busy"

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THE Empress always loathed her capital, with its everlasting gossip, as she put it. The Winter Palace at Petrograd was always empty, and the Imperial Family came over from Tsarskoe Selo or Peterhof only on the most important and necessary occasions. Even the growing-up of her two eldest daughters, the Grand Duchesses Olga and Tatiana, did not change the deadly dullness of Russian Court life; and so embittered were the people against the Empress that it did not even touch them that she had herself trained as a Sister of Mercy and worked hard in her hospital.

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From the Signal Book

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No. 1.—"DESPATCH IS NECESSARY"

BY LIEUT. ARTHUR WATTS, R.N.V.R.

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

THAT Petrograd "is becoming a veritable Babylon" in the way of lax morals is also attributed to the entire absence of all Court life in Russia, and the complete aloofness of an Empress who could have influenced the moral standards of society. (As to that, we shall see.) Manners matter more than morals, says the author, in modern Russia, and man's attitude towards woman is a quaint mixture of chivalry and despotism—echo of the original subjection in which the *boyars* held their womenfolk, modified by culture and civilisation; and, as elsewhere, the sanctity of marriage is being threatened by the ease with which anyone can get a divorce.

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As in Germany, breaking off an engagement is a scandal, but a divorce "quite the usual thing." There is as much talk about impending divorces as of budding engagements, and the Russian *divorcée* pays no penalties in the way of loss of reputation. Of course, there are still some old-fashioned families where the more primitive virtues survive, but they are growing fewer and fewer.

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CURIOUS in how many ways war's affected Russia in the same directions as us—politicians' weaknesses exposed, the profiteering crowd making millions out of the nation, and as for the women of the masses—they're having the time of their lives. They've never been so prosperous or well-provided for, and one peasant woman is quoted as declaring that the last two years were the only happy ones she'd known, and she hoped the war would last for ever. Extraordinary familiar ring about that! I seem to have heard of more than one British Tommy's wife who put it just that way!

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MANY thanks, by the way, for the *Kia-Ora*, which is H.M.S. *New Zealand's* delightful and amusing war magazine. Of course, the editor's "Letter to Blanche" is *the* feature (*ça va sans dire*). "You do cheer us up so," it runs, "I am always cheerful, and yet I am so busy. In fact, we all are. I daresay we could each command the ship if the skipper said 'Carry on!'—or get out and shove if we ran short of coal." And I'm told, too, of a dance they had, mistletoe and all complete, when the *Kia-Ora's* editor sat out "with a long, lanky signal-bo'sun in a pink gown of that clinging stuff, you know, and very bony elbows and a wreath of buttercups in his hair. I called him Blanche several times (but that was the barley-water). . . . It is nearly midnight now, dear cousin. For thy sake I scribble thus far into my beauty sleep, but I must now haul up, for when morning dawns I start again my busy round.—Ever yours, ——."

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NICE things. You know, if they ever do call up the women for active service I think for me *it'll have to be the Navy.*

With love, yours ever,

BLANCHE

"The Tin-Fish"

Shipping a torpedo and lowering it into the submerged flat [*Official photograph*

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The Horse Lines

A Field Forge

The Transport Officer

The "Heavies"—An Agricultural Touch

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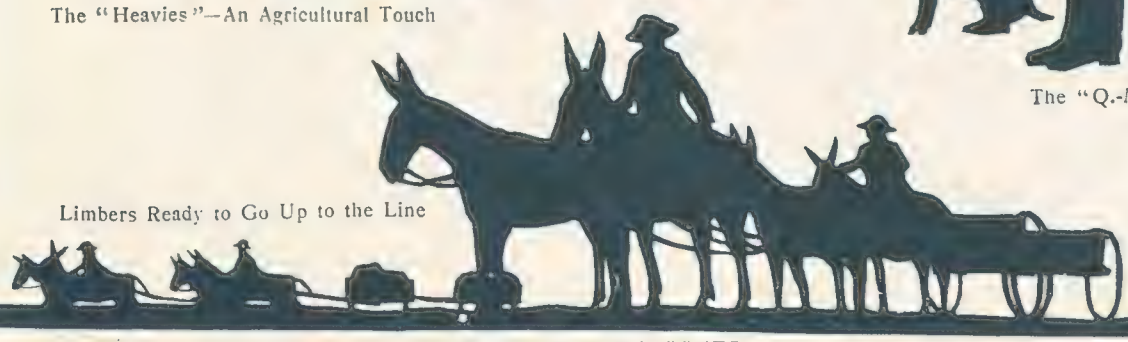

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BY LIEUT. H. L. OAKLEY

A Word in Season

BY THE OLD GUARD

At this auspicious moment in our Empire story we have been recalled from the ill-merited obscurity that had been our lot to fling out to an expectant world the choicer gems of wit and wisdom for which we doubt not posterity will accord us an enduring fame.

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True, there have been moments in our long and honourable career when, owing to the scandalous lack of recognition ever accorded to exalted genius, we have been driven by passing financial stress to report upon a mere outbreak of fire, or a crowner's quest, at the mean and sordid rate of one penny per line; but these were but fleeting hours of shadow, when, languishing, as it were, under the frown of the gods, we walked abroad, figuratively speaking, with the dried peas of penance in our shoes.

Our rightful place is in the sun where we may keep a benevolent watch over all men, lauding the right and castigating the wrong with unerring judgment, so that Governments mark our speech, and the tottering dynasties of Europe walk by our light.

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But for this devastating war, which ties the hands and closes the lips of those whose onerous duty it is to think up daily fresh public wrongs for heated denunciation in the Press, we had had it in our heart to break a lance with the representative Government of our mighty Empire. To whose thin grey brain, for example, came the divine afflatus that inspired the law destroying the time-honoured rite of hospitality between man and man in our public places?

We wot not. Yet, forsooth! if in our daily promenade of Fleet Street, which by our presence we adorn, we fall upon a lifelong friend, he may not take us by the hand and bid us come with him at his proper expense and take our ease at our inn.

But at this solemn hour it behoves us to keep a silent, if perforce a desiccated, tongue upon these dismal things; and yet on this and other wrongs the man within us clamours to be heard, be it only in a discreet whisper.

For instance, we admit that we are no longer in the pink and chubby freshness of our eager youth; but the toiler's fustian about us covers a heart that is ever young and the passing face allures us still. Nearing our lodging the other evening we encountered the blooming and buxom daughter of our landlady.

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Of our landlady herself we do not trust ourself to speak with becoming patience. She is but a sordid creature, the burden of whose eternal croak is—money. Even the lords of creation must needs be housed and fed, and they may well be trusted, in their very occasional hours of fitful opulence, to fling a *largesse* to the lesser creatures ordained by a wise Providence to lodge and nurture them. Why, then, should this unlovely harridan be for ever dinning in our ear the song of her monomania?

But this is merely a private wrong. So we come back to our landlady's blooming young daughter.

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We are not a Crœsus; but that afternoon in Fleet Street a sympathetic friend had generously advanced us the considerable sum of half a crown, to be repaid most faithfully on Saturday, or as the case might be. Once more a capitalist, we recklessly besought the fair girl to receive from our hand the gift of a box of chocolates as a token of our regard and esteem. The offer was accepted.

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Alas! however, and woe is us! On reaching the local emporium for sticky confectionery, it appeared that the mart had been closed for the day at eight o'clock. To this day our not over simple or confiding young friend is satisfied that we knew all along that there would be no opportunity of giving rein to our proposed prodigality; yet Heaven is our witness that we were prepared to spend at least ninepence in so good a cause.

In a happier time, come it soon or late, when the gag shall have been lifted from our jowl, the British Government shall answer to us for this!

Arnold Golsworthy

"TIME'S REVENGES"

"Golf," we used to be told, "is not agriculture," but Mr. M'Divot, who so often proved the contrary *in propria persona*, has now become a person of commanding importance in his club

The Food Profiteer

WILL THE DEVONPORT-BATHURST SHEARS BE STRONG ENOUGH TO SEVER HIS ALL-EMBRACING TENTACLES?

STANDING EASY

VI.—WILSON AT WAR. By DELL LEIGH

WHEN Wilson decided to stand in with the rest and make war upon Germany he was at a loss to know exactly how to do it. There were tens of thousands of his fellow-countrymen in precisely the same predicament. Aged forty-six, married, without a day's experience of soldiering behind him, he did not feel prepared to bombard the military citadel and apply for a job. Moreover, there was his business to think of. Wilson was a prominent member of the Stock Exchange, with large and varied interests therein. There was also "a little place" in Berkshire, where the fraternity foregathered on Sundays and discussed "markets." This "place" had become an integral part of Wilson's life; the branches of its many rose trees had coiled themselves about his heart. So that, taking everything into consideration, there seemed to be insuperable difficulties; and Wilson became a "bear" of the whole proposition.

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THEN were the difficulties removed quite suddenly by the advent of the military to him, and the offer of a commission for administrative purposes. A commission, a uniform (Wilson went to an excellent tailor), and the title of second-lieutenant. Things became "bullish" very quickly thereafter, and Wilson straightway entered the portals of an entirely new life.

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ON looking back on it all a year later he would, had he known the pitfalls, have gone into the matter much more closely. However, there it was, and the grit that was immersed in Wilson, after years of an easy prosperity, was called upon to aid him through a troublous time. He had been, you will understand, a person of no small weight in the balance of business affairs. He was chairman of at least two companies of unimpeachable reputation and a director of four others. His three partners in the firm of Wilson, Sleigh, and Wilson looked at him amazedly when he told them about it, and said that he was crazy. He had, ever since the days of "unauthorised" clerkdom, been accustomed to give orders and receive none. In the blare and turmoil of the "House" he could stand unmoved and solid with the ballast of his own knowledge and experience. It had been a world of fractions: ½ to 9-16ths. and over; a thirty-second, a sixty-fourth—the making of a price—all that was easy enough; but this military business was something quite different. An astute administrative officer (a one-time client) had seen in Wilson a sound judgment of men, learnt in a hard school, and an untiring energy, and had roped him in.

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HIS first shock was that in the huge building where his new work lay he counted for very little more than the man who took him up and down in the lift. He was expected, and ordered, to salute people fifteen years his junior, who, by the same token, very often did not bother to return it. He was placed at a table in an excessively draughty room and told gruffly to add up columns of figures hour after hour. Three other men, warped by years of army administration, shared the room and shouted intermittently down three telephones while Wilson added up in the corner. His own particular chief (who never even said "good morning") had no sense of humour whatever, and told him off severely for coming in at three minutes past ten instead of ten—Wilson's usual hours being 11—1 and 3—5. But the cruellest blow of all was the week-end duty. For years uncountable the 5.10 from Paddington had seen Wilson in a corner of a first smoker with the *Pall Mall Gazette* and a Corona cigar. So that when Friday evenings came he began to experience an almost insatiable longing for the smell of the rose trees, the quiet rubber or two of auction after dinner, and the round on the neighbouring links on Saturday morning. But in this maelstrom of administration one day was like unto another, and the Sunday duty nearly broke him up altogether. He found himself interviewing embryo recruits just at the hour when the gong at the place in Berkshire was beginning to be tapped by his butler. It was at times like these that the iron entered into Wilson's soul.

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BUT he stuck it. More than that, as time went on and the war began to leave marks on men's faces, it began also to mould a by no means plastic Wilson into the shape that men assume whose lives run in the military groove. His manner changed from the conciliatory "I rather think this is the line to take, don't you?" to the "Tell that feller to dam well buck up about it." He learned to shout down the telephone receiver, "Yes, yes—well, what *is* it?" in staccato tones of terseness, instead of "Ye-e-e-s. Ah! So-and-So, old chap, how goes it?" He learned also to accept every man's statement with a strong original bias against its accuracy—in fact, he became part and parcel of the huge military machine.

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BUT it aged him. The elasticity of the "bullish" stockbroker left him. He could no more walk into the "House" now and do a deal on a falling market than he could fly a Handley Page machine over to France.

Then the grim-visaged chief, who looked upon all "temporary" soldiers somewhat in the same manner that the plague of locusts was once looked upon, came across to his table on a Friday morning and slapped down the *Times* on Wilson's blotting-pad.

"I quite agree with that," he said; "it seems to carry week-end leave with it too—get away after tea."

And Wilson looked, and found his name among a myriad other officers in the *Gazette* who had rendered "valuable service."

He caught the 5.10 that evening, and lit a Corona-Corona as the train slid past Willesden.

The Home Trail of the Hun

(AND WON'T THERE BE A BILL TO PAY!)

Official Photographs

RUINS, RUINS, EVERYWHERE!

Village after village, left shattered by the retreating Huns, tells the same tale of wanton destruction. They boast no cathedrals, these little French hamlets; but their churches have been destroyed by the invader with as great a zest as if Lagnicourt and Bucquoy had been Rheims or Amiens

Shrapnel Pars

FROM all accounts, the Kaiser's rest-cure at Homburg is not doing him much good. What he wants is another kind of arrest cure, on the Russian model; and, with a little patience, he'll get it.

ANOTHER interesting invalid, Enver Pasha, has lately arrived in Berlin. Until after the fall of Bagdad he had never realised that Constantinople was such an unhealthy place to live in.

THE French Army is now being partially fed on dates. Hope they will prove more satisfying than those with which our own people have been so liberally fed-up by "end-of-the-war" prophets.

"HALAKITE," we gather, is an explosive that does for field and even quite big guns.

THE man who stole £1,600 worth of mules from Borden Camp ought to get on. The A.S.C., we feel sure, would give twice that sum to know how he did it.

A DISTINGUISHED agriculturist says that the British farmer is not a quick-change artist. Possibly! But judging from the prevailing prices he's a bit of a small change artist.

MR. MCKENNA is exhibiting a bill in his window explaining that his household is on official rations. No use hiding your light lunch under a bushel, is it?

PURE Bosche: The week-end German invasion stunt.

ACCORDING to a German paper, Major Moraht has been fighting his battles over again. Last week in Berlin he struck an elderly soldier, and then walked sharply away.

ACCORDING to General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., if the people who governed us for nearly two years had prosecuted the war properly we should have won last year. It is not thought likely that the war will be called off and fought all over again.

WE must insist that the war be brought to an end," said Herr Hoffman in the Prussian House of Deputies. We understand that the Kaiser would be glad if Herr Hoffman would couple with his request a few hints on how to do it.

IN Berlin the people are now only allowed to purchase soap once a month — and only then if necessary.

AT Eastbourne the other day the wind blew ten £1 notes, which were not recovered, out of a lady's hand. A nasty blow to blew ten pounds at a blow.

THE British at the "gates of Gaza." Surely the General Commanding might have let us know whether Flight Commander Sampson was in this little stunt.

"THERE I was," writes Mr. Bottomley, "last week prophesying the fall of Bagdad;" and, despite the prophecy, we note that Bagdad has fallen.

THE British have taken Bapaume, the French have captured Roye, and the Russians have taken Russia.

THE debate upon the Dardanelles Inquiry proves conclusively that if the campaign had not miscarried it would have been a complete success.

WITH respectful compliments to the well-meaning promoters of the "Safety First" rhyming competition:

"Those who cross roads
when they should not
Won't be deterred by
doggerel rot!"

MORE THAN LIKELY

"Yes, mum, I were a prisoner for three years, mum"
"But the war hasn't lasted three years yet"
"No, mum, but I were a prisoner all the same, mum"

"Horrendum Monstrum et Horrible Visu"

PASSED BY CENSOR

A NEW SPECIES OF MARINE REPTILE SEARCHING FOR ITS INNOCENT PREY

BY LIEUT. E. G. O. BEUTTLER

Not Sandwich, Rye, or Westward Ho!

Belgian War Office official photograph

But a fine bit of golfing country all the same, is this scene from the Belgian front, taken amongst the sand-dunes of the little bit of coast-line still remaining to our Allies. Plenty of sand, plenty of "casual water in a hazard," plenty of bunkers—but soldiers instead of golfers, and the "phut" of the bullet instead of the clean smack of the well-hit drive; and "badly bunkered" or "lost ball" for the Hun every time to the last hole

"Somewhere in Flanders"

FRAGMENTS

BY "JACK JOHNSON"

MY DEAR BYSTANDER—

PERHAPS the finest and most precious product of this war is the magnificent pluck and stoic philosophy with which the wounded accept their sufferings, and nowhere do you find these Spartan qualities more in evidence than among the ranks of the hardy lads who hail from north of the Tweed; indeed, the courage of the wounded is now proverbial, and it was, therefore, all the more phenomenal that Private McFiggin, as braw a laddie as ever was breeched, should see fit to carry on in so regrettable a fashion. It is true the case was not a light one, necessitating, as it did, a leg amputation below the knee, but there were no complications, and from a medical point of view everything was very satisfactory.

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THE satisfaction, however, was entirely on the side of the medical authorities, for no sooner had Private McFiggin regained the use of his voice than he proceeded at once to unburden himself of a steady flow of commentaries so fierce and so fruity in their intensity, accompanied by demands so blasphemously insistent, on the immediate restoration to him of the member of which he had been recently deprived, if legal pressure was to be avoided, as to excite the awe and admiration of all who were privileged to hear him. It was only when physical exhaustion had deprived the sufferer of his vocal powers that efforts could be made to cope with the situation.

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"NEVER mind, McFiggin," said the sister consolingly; "much better to have lost a leg than your life, now, isn't it? Besides, the operation has been splendidly successful, and you shall have a nice haggis for your breakfast as soon as ever you begin to sit up."

At these kind words the tears welled up in the poor fellow's eyes—tears of anger and impatience.

"Damn the operation!" he gurgled, "gie me back my leg! Gie it back at once, I say! There's two ten-franc notes hidden in the stocking!"

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IT is always a pleasure to talk to a man of the stamp of Private Hackett. Though his left arm has been amputated at the shoulder and he has chronic rheumatism in his knee to a degree which he classifies as "somethin' crool," yet he is as cheery an optimist about his future career as you could wish to find anywhere. When I met him he was awaiting the hospital ship

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IN BATOCKI-LAND

German Crœsus being photographed with his greatest treasure

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PASSED BY CENSOR

"'Ere! Where the 'ell are ye comin'

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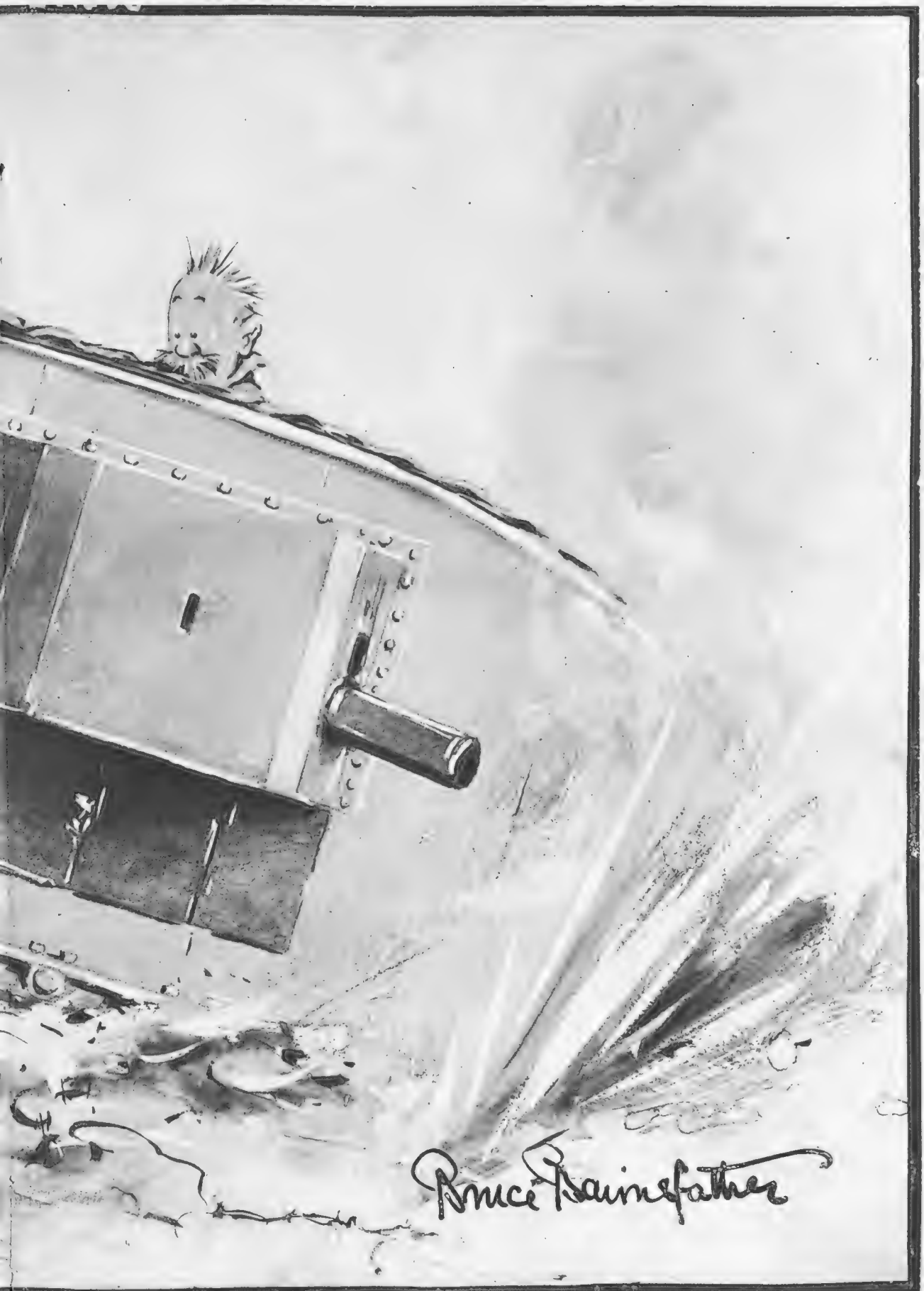


n' with that Turkish bath o' yours?"

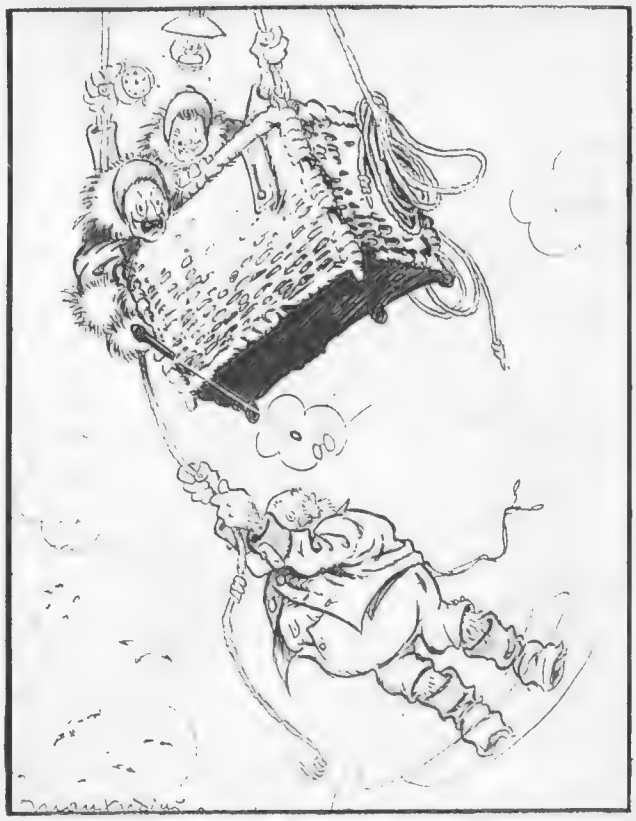
BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

"SOMEWHERE IN FLANDERS" (*concluded*)

for Blighty as merry and excited as a boy going home from school for the holidays.

"Yes," he replied, in answer to the obvious question, "I 'ave 'opes, I might say strong 'opes, of getting back me old job again." Private Hackett paused a moment. "I was with Pierpont before the war," he remarked in the casual tone which you hear people use when talking of their aristocratic acquaintances.

"What!" I exclaimed, "do you mean the American millionaire fellow? It must be splendid for you having a job with a millionaire!" "No, not 'im," broke in Private Hackett, scornfully. "It's *the* Pierpont I'm speakin' of—England's greatest 'angman. It was me wot used to pinion the poor blokes before they went off the 'ooks, and a very nice gentlemanly job it was too, but"—here a wistful look came into his eyes—"you do want *two* strong arms for that job, sir, and me with only 'alf the bag o' tricks. . . . !"



NOT SO SIMPLE
"Kamerad . . ! Kamerad . . . !"
"No Kamerad! Hands up!!!"

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IT was after about a week of steady slogging rain and the surrounding countryside was gradually assuming the picturesque and refreshing aspect of the Norfolk Broads. The great military machine, always solicitous for the welfare of its children, was now chiefly concerned to alleviate the fears of indifferent swimmers by frantic endeavours to stem the tide. Everything pointed to success until about 4 a.m., when a small, insistent voice was heard to vibrate: "Sawjent! Sawjent! The water's still rising in trench Tsd 2!"

And the voice of one indifferent to tribulation cut crisp through the murky night: "Then, for Gawd's sake, me lad, slip along and tell the ruddy 'arbour master!"

Yours ever,
JACK JOHNSON

Regimental Fables

No. I.—"UP THE LINE"

AND it came to pass that 2nd Lieut. Carruthers received his orders to proceed overseas; and he was rushed down to Southampton by express and boarded the ship, and was subsequently landed at A——. And, after doing his bit at the training camp, he duly reported unto the R.T.O. at A——; and the R.T.O. inspected his papers and said unto him, "And, indeed, thou art for B——. The train leaves here to-morrow at 11.43 a.m. Report to me here at ten." And Carruthers, whose soul was filled with respect for the R.T.O., said, "Yes, sir"; and, saluting, departed to see the beauty and the beauties of A——.

And it was the evening of the first day.

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AND being a good soldier and well disciplined withal, and knowing the duty of a good soldier in such a matter, he reported to the R.T.O. the next morning at 9.45. And the R.T.O. said unto him, "Your train goes from such and such platform. Change at C——." And 2nd Lieut. Carruthers was glad that he was in good time. At 11.30 he allowed himself to get into a state of pleasant expectancy. And noon came and went, and Carruthers thought unto himself, "But, of course, it is active service. There are bound to be delays. There may have been a big battle." And he went unto the Y.M.C.A. (officers' department) and had some coffee and some sandwiches. And the afternoon passed. And at last the train came in—at 4 p.m.; and the weariness passed from 2nd Lieut. Carruthers; and lightly leaped he into a first-class compartment and turned himself round to view the scenery. And at 6.53 precisely the train, which was an exceedingly long one, left the station and stopped with a big jerk at 6.53½, after having gone some 33 metres in quite good style.

And it was the evening of the second day.

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NOW at 9.37 a.m. the following day the train walk marched into the picturesque little station of C——; and the 2nd Lieut. descended, feeling (and looking) very washed-out. And he went unto the office of the R.T.O. And the R.T.O. said unto him. "Pleased to meet you" (or words to that effect). "Let me see. Thou art for B——. Train 6.29 to-night. Report to me here at five." And Carruthers left him, saying nothing.

And it was the evening of the third day.

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AND the next morning another train, containing 2nd Lieut. Carruthers, left the picturesque little station of C—— at 5.23; and it traversed some 15 kilos. of pretty country, and eventually arrived at B—— at 7.27 p.m. And the R.T.O. of B—— said unto 2nd Lieut. Carruthers, "Oh, yes. Report at divisional headquarters—about two miles up the road. Probably get a lorry or something." And 2nd Lieut. Carruthers made reply unto him. "Thanks," said he, "I think I will walk."

And it was the evening of the fourth day.

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MORAL.—More haste, less speed.

An Apostle of the Obvious

CYCLIST: "Am I right for Ginchy, mate?"

TOMMY: "Ay. Follow tha' nose, chum, but it's up-hill work!"

Frocks, Furry and Fanciful

Photograph *Bertram* [illegible]

MISS MABEL FUNSTON

A new portrait of the delightful actress, now playing in "Hanky-Panky" at the Empire

Photograph *Arbuthnot*

MISS SADRIENNE STOREY

In "The Bing Girls" at the Alhambra

Photograph *Elwin Neame*

MISS GIVEN YVONNE

Dancing in "Hanky-Panky"

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

"HANKY-PANKY" AT THE EMPIRE

BY "JINGLE"

Illustrated by Norman Morrow

THE new revue at the Empire is spectacular rather than humorous; and this is the more surprising as there happen to be several first-class comedians in the company. There is, to begin with, the versatile Mr. Robert Hale, who works very hard indeed to make his turns amusing, and for the most part succeeds wonderfully well. Then there is Mr. Joe Nightingale, a character-actor of high repute, who does not seem to have quite enough to do; and there is also, and especially, a delightful newcomer, Mr. Talbot O'Farrell — Irish, I presume. Mr. O'Farrell offers us convincing proof that good rich fun can be crowded into a revue in large quantities without any scenic effects to speak of. He just strolls in front of the curtain and talks, and in a very few moments he has the audience at his mercy. After a little chat about nothing in particular, with a funny story or two thrown in just to help things along, Mr. O'Farrell suddenly changes his tune. With a rare skill, and a courage that is completely justified by its success, he sings a delicately pathetic song that very rightly provokes a perfect hurricane of applause. Mr. O'Farrell is an entertainer of unusual merit.

ONE of the most successful colour schemes in this revue is the scene entitled "An Orange Grove," which is a most dainty and tasteful affair of the impressionist school. It is in this scene that Mr. Robert Hale gives us another of his life-like imitations of popular actresses. This time his subject is Miss Ethel Levey. I wonder why Mr. Hale does these things: they seem so unnecessary. Another charming scene is that of

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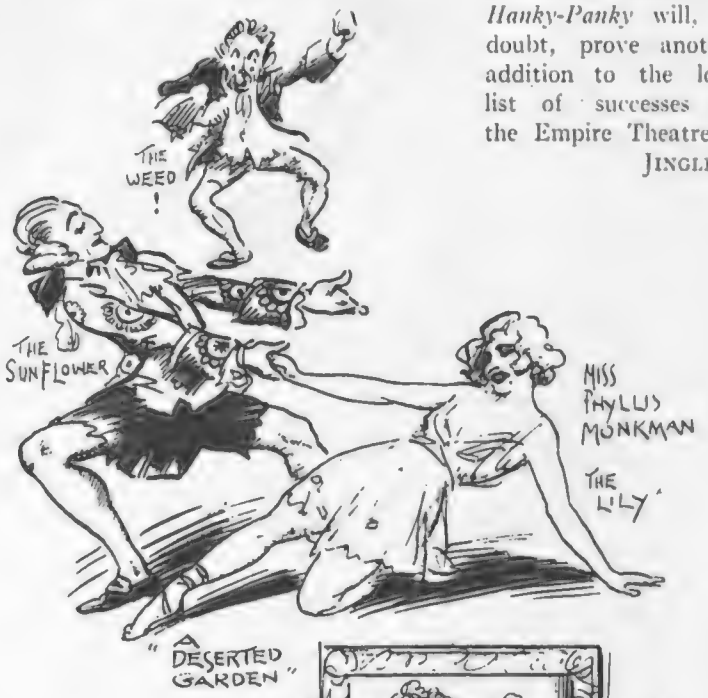
LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS (concluded)

"HANKY-PANKY" AT THE EMPIRE

the "Deserted Garden," which forms the background of a miniature ballet. It is in this scene that Miss Phyllis Monkman, who is already the bright particular star in another revue at a neighbouring theatre, scores the success of the evening with her graceful and intelligent dancing.



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A SCENE remarkable for its novelty and quaintness is that which is lightly described on the programme as "A Mere Nothing." Miss Mabel Funston appears before a drop-curtain and sings "It's the Hat that Makes the Lady." (In parenthesis, it may be remarked that it's the hat that often breaks the gentleman, but I suppose nobody bothers about *him*.) When the chorus is due the drop scene rolls up and discloses several tiers of ladies' hats, each with a lovely little head underneath it.

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BY bobbing in and out of the picture at calculated intervals the wearers of the hats are able to arrange the exhibits to form decorative patterns against a white background. All the same, it does seem a shame to tempt the dear ladies in war-time with such a show of positively irresistible "creations." Woman will do much for her country in the hour of its need, but she draws the line at wearing an out-of-date hat.

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MR. ROBERT HALE and Mr Joe Nightingale have a scene to themselves, both being attired as suburban washerwomen, in which disguise they discuss the effects of the war on the servant problem. One or two of the little quips in this scene would appear, however, to be more suited for the club smoke-room than a public entertainment.

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THERE are other scenes in the revue that will doubtless be worked up presently to a more sparkling condition. The scene entitled "Back to the Land," for instance, has the germ of a regular outbreak of healthy nonsense. The scene of the Government Office where anything that has to be done is never in the particular department of the person asked to do it, is capable of being developed on richly hilarious lines.

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THEN there is the mere workman who smokes his clay pipe in the midst of a crowd of aristocratic applicants for national work, and who insists that the war has made us all socially equal. The idea is left at that; but it would seem to be capable almost of development into a whole revue by itself. With a few structural alterations, *Hanky-Panky* will, no doubt, prove another addition to the long list of successes at the Empire Theatre.

JINGLE

A Triumph of the Camera

Photograph *Arbuthnot*

MISS MARIE LÖHR

Whose delicious acting in the title-rôle of "Remnant" is drawing crowded houses to the Royalty

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY

The Follower

BY "MARY JULIAN"

THE manor house lay bathed in autumn's liquid sunshine, that magic light that can strike the burnished gold from the horse chestnut, the deepest crimson from the creeper, the yellow from the stubble field where once the waving corn has stood.

"He is coming home to-night," said his mother, quietly, and a great happiness shone in her eyes.

"He's got leave—at last; and well he's earned it," said his father for the twentieth time that day. And because he was a man he re-arranged all the ornaments on the mantelpiece—and broke one. If he had been a woman it would have been fidgeting, and she would have heard about it. As it was, his wife only watched him and said nothing.

"To-night! To-night!" sang Diana's heart; and because it sang so joyously she said nothing. Was there anything to be said?

"Has she any feeling—any heart at all?" thought his mother, sadly, and she looked at her son's wife wonderingly.

"Funny creatures, women are," thought his father. and he pretended to be mending the shattered ornament and broke another with his elbow.

Presently Diana went into the garden. There were two hours yet before the train could arrive. She must be out with all happy living things.

She went quickly over the smooth lawn, through the garden, up to the pine wood at the back of the house. It lay on the hillside like a dark purple shadow, mounting up its slopes, clothing its undulations and clefts, then crowning the crest triumphantly each tree silhouetted sharply against the sky.

The pale clear sunshine seemed to sing with her. That is the way of autumn sunshine—it laughs with those who laugh; but it never weeps with those who weep. It is too gay for that. It only cares to be companioned by the light of heart.

It was very still in the wood that afternoon.

Diana walked quickly over the soft pine needles. She followed the track that wound up the hill, sometimes passing into a streak of light that touched her dark head fondly, then under the purple shade of the trees.

Her thoughts were all of Jack. There was the day she had first met him, and the things they had said, and the long silences when they had said nothing, that had meant so much more. Then their engagement and the time that followed that seemed a blur of happiness, vague, indistinct, but full of content. Their marriage had followed; and quite suddenly came the outbreak of the great war. Jack had been swept into it at once, caught up by the great machine, borne off to form one of its infinitesimal cogs and wheels, and her heart had gone with him; and now he was coming home for his first leave. . . .

She had reached the crest of the hill, and stood looking down on the quiet country. The chill autumn sunshine had settled over it. All the bright lights of the afternoon had faded suddenly into greyness. The pine wood beneath appeared to her ominous and dark.

"I shall have to hurry. It is later than I thought," she said to herself. and started to walk down the hill.

As she re-entered the shade of the wood the shadows seemed deep and bewildering. The maze of tree trunks, like innumerable masts, towered above her. The haze of evening floated like a soft blue winding sheet between them. The solitary falling of a fir cone, the snapping of a twig beneath her feet, startled her indescribably.

"I shall be late! Oh, I shall be late!" she cried aloud, and the sound of her voice seemed to her to echo among the trees and fill the wood with a hundred voices. The path appeared to her to be narrower than she thought. It seemed filled by the presence of fear and full of strange whisperings and flutterings and sudden stillness, and soft strange noises that have no reason or cause.

She glanced behind to see if anyone was following her. On the soft carpet of the needles she made sure she heard a footfall. It seemed to her, as she stood listening, that it stopped when she did, moved stealthily on when she started again, crept along the narrow winding path just behind her. The nervous fears that can descend like a thief in the night fell upon her.

Twice she took the wrong turning and had to retrace her steps, stumbling along in uncertainty and utter bewilderment. Once she fell over a root and bruised herself. And always the mist seemed to creep closer and closer, hung in the long vistas between the trees, floated among the shadows like a ghost.

Suddenly the thought struck her. "I shall be out all night. I have lost the path. I shan't be there when Jack arrives. I shall walk on and on till morning." She turned down a path to the right which led sharply down hill, and quickened her pace as the thought goaded her forward.

Then again, quite distinctly, she heard the Follower. Most certainly there was someone just behind her, stepping along through the trees, keeping her in sight. She *felt* rather than heard that presence at the back, and she was chilled as by a sudden dread. The unutterable solitariness of the pinewood seemed to close about her. She was utterly alone—except for one other—and the sound of that stealthy footfall was like a cold hand pressed against her heart.

Yes, she was quite sure now. A bird had flown away, startled, with whirring wings. The very mist seemed shrinking, eddying round in tiny circles, drawing long blue veils across the path. The wood suddenly seemed to her full of watching eyes, and every creature in it must be watching this silent chase.

Presently the fear of that presence behind her became intolerable to Diana.

She stepped into the undergrowth, and waited breathless. Certainly the Follower was drawing closer. She could feel his gentle footsteps, the swish of the bracken as he brushed it aside, the way the mist parted

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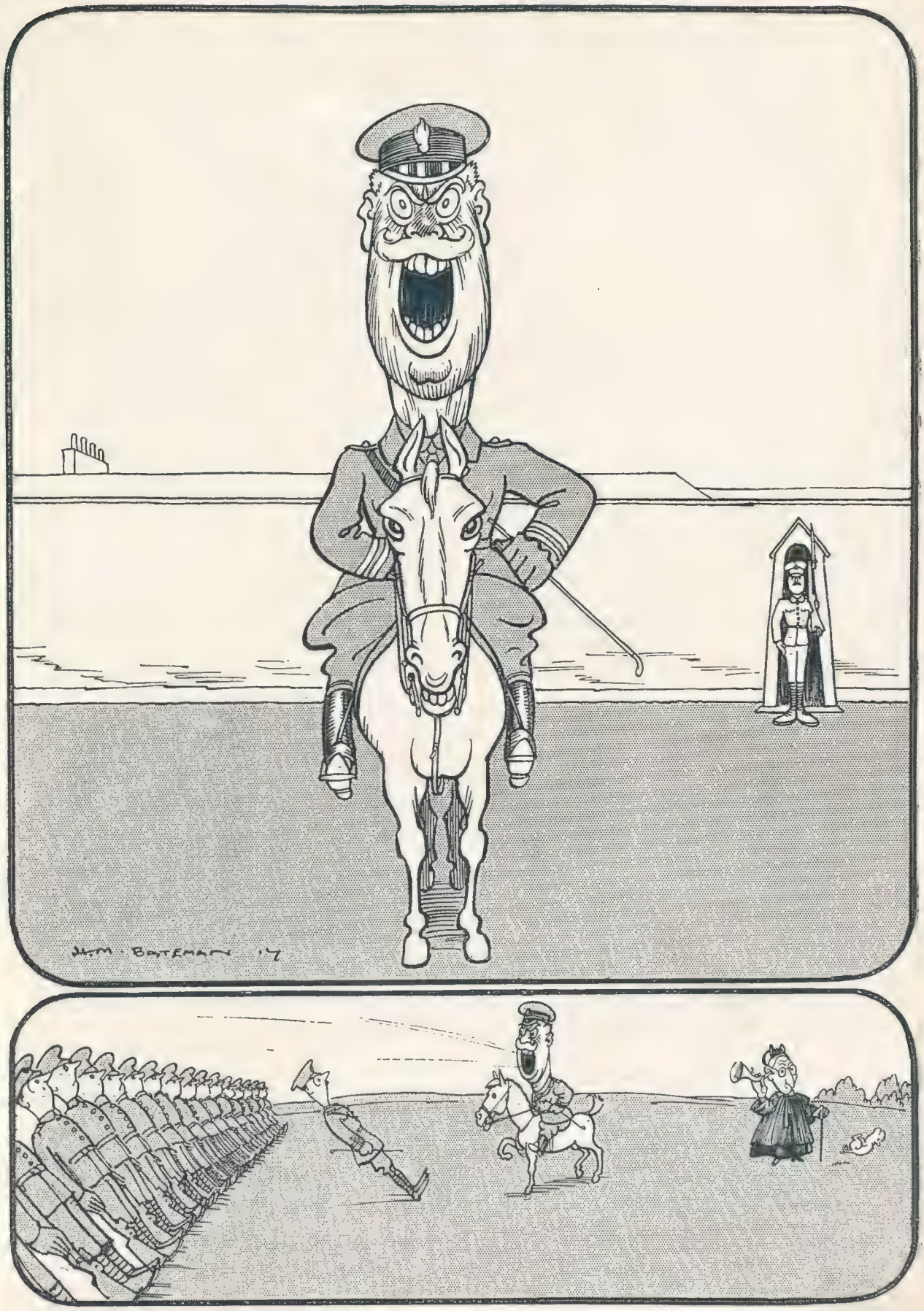
The Gentle Adjutant



IT'S THE NOISE THAT REALLY MATTERS

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY (concluded)

to let him through. He was coming nearer and nearer. In another second he would be round the bend. Then she knew what Fear meant——.

Afterwards Diana never could tell quite how it happened. She never knew how she covered those few yards between them. She only realised that it was Jack who had returned to her, Jack who had come to fetch her home.

She could quite clearly recall her own soft cry of delight and springing to meet him, but the words they said in that first moment of meeting seemed to slip away into some closed chink of memory. Her rush of questions, his answers—all were submerged by her own deep happiness. She had lived through all those months of waiting for this—and now it was hers.

So together they started walking through the silent wood. Except for their own soft voices it seemed to Diana so still—so very still. Through a break in the trees the stars looked down upon them like piercing eyes. A broad pallid beam of moonlight lay across the path.

"Why, Jack! I nearly lost you then. We must keep very close. This mist seems to float between us, and the track is so narrow. But you've found me—that's all that matters. Oh! to have you here again."

A rabbit started suddenly out of the undergrowth, then away in a frenzy of haste. Again a jay left a tree near them and flew off to another part of the wood. What did it matter if all living things shunned them, leaving them only the pallid moonlight, the inky shadows, the purple depths of the wood? If seemed to Diana that the very bracken shrunk away to let them pass.

"You look so free, Jack. What do I mean? Oh, free from all the smaller worries of life—like a person who's looked over a big horizon, and never could forget it again."

They came to a little clearing and stopped, smiling happily at each other before crossing it.

"Why it was here—here——."

He drew closer to her in the darkness.

"That my dress caught a bramble and you took it off and called it a follower. After that day you said you'd always follow me anywhere—everywhere—and-always. And you have, even to-night. If you hadn't, Jack, I'd have gone where even you couldn't have come. That path I was on led to the steep bank of the lake—and I shouldn't have known in the darkness."

Diana picked a tiny frond of fern, just because it had first brushed him. She loved the mist because it wrapped him round in a sort of veil. She could have caressed the moonbeams as they touched him first.

And all the time the wood seemed very still. . . . As they came out into the open an old wood-cutter passed by them. He peered at them curiously, then dropped his bundle while a queer cracked cry seemed to be jerked out of him and echo amongst the trees.

"He didn't expect to see us," thought Diana, happily, and they passed into the garden, then across the smooth lawn towards the house.

"But we're together—together again," she murmured, softly, and the whole of happiness seemed to be in those words.

She went quickly into the bright light of the hall, then on into the drawing-room. A thousand dewdrops in her hair looked like a diadem of diamonds, the mystery of the pinewood still hovered in her eyes.

"Where's Jack?" she said, glancing behind her.

His mother sat huddled in her chair, looking suddenly withered, as though ten cruel years had just passed over her. Her eyes were wide and strained.

His father held up his head with a certain pride, but he seemed shrunken, aged, and strangely broken.

Silently they pointed to the telegram on the table. . . .

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Human Torpedoes

BY THE BYSTANDER IN COPENHAGEN

WHEN the Bystander in neutral lands first visited Denmark during the war, a *National-Tidende* leader-writer assured him that Danes are "human torpedoes." He meant that they were quick, straight, and explosive, differing from Swedes, who are slow and dignified, and from Norwegians, who are slow and undignified. He added that, like all impulsive races, Danes are extraordinarily truthful. After visiting all corners of Copenhagen town, the Bystander discovered the chief temple of truth. It is the Free Harbour.

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THE Free Harbour lies in Copenhagen's farthest north, opposite a lunette and the fort of the Three Crowns, wherefrom loungers who do not understand fishing try with the wrong kinds of lines not to catch non-existent fish. The human torpedoes who frequent the Free Harbour are shippers, skippers, and fo'castlemen. The fo'castlemen foregather in a pub. with a blue door in Classens Gade; and in this pub. you hear more truth—and almost as many lies—about Europe's sea strategy as in all the legations in Copenhagen. At the tables sit Hagerups, Hansens, and Rasmussens who have served on British liners or on Norse tramps sunk off the Murman coast, or have even—for a few hours as prisoners—been on German submarines. All Copenhagen comes to the pub. to hear the news. Even King Christian's brother, Prince Harald, came to interview the chief fo'castle submarine strategist, a certain Rasmussen; and Germany's Minister, Count "Brock," does not think it beneath his dignity to send thither his spies. Besides Rasmussen, with a thin, unnautical cigarette in his jaw, sprawls another human torpedo, Pete Friis, who has been on five sunk steamers, and knows more about subbing than Admiral Jellicoe.

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RASMUSSEN is the man who first saw the thirty German submarines imprisoned in the ice. Copenhagen has had a Polar winter; a fortnight ago the Sound was frozen over; even now thick ice stretches far out into the Cattegat; and a Swede walked from the mainland to the island of Marstrand. Different untruths have been told about the ice-trapped submarines; but Rasmussen knows the real truth. "They were trapped at the narrow part of the Sound just above Helsingborg. That happened two days after the submarine campaign began. The thirty were all making north—of course, from the same Baltic base—when the east wind blew the loose ice together, and as it was freezing hard—twelve degrees Celsius at least—soon all the subs. were in a solid pack."

"What happened next?"

"The subs. were moving with only their periscopes up. Some of them smelt danger in time and managed to rise. These got wedged in with their decks showing. Others were caught under the ice and only their periscopes showed. I myself walked across the ice to them, and my mate even tried to look down a periscope. Then the slip-ice—that is, loose ice which always drifts under the pack—snapped the periscope tubes. The subs. perished miserably. . . ."

"How did they perish?"

"Miserably. Some, after three days' imprisonment, tried to get away under the ice. I know that seven subs. were smashed in, and all on board drowned."

"How do you know that?"

"I know it. I told Prince Harald."

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HUMAN torpedo Friis here tried to interrupt. Human torpedo Rasmussen looked at him angrily, and went on:

"That is nothing compared with the way subs. perish in the North Sea. I told this to Prince Harald, too, so it is true. The North Sea subs. set traps for themselves. In October the Germans sank a big steamer in shallow water off Norderney. The steamer settled down on an even keel. Next day a submarine, not knowing about the steamer, ran into its rigging, the propeller caught in the derrick ropes, and the sub. perished miserably. That night, as luck would have it, another sub. ran straight at the same place; and it also perished. I know about this case personally. Dozens of subs. run into the rigging of ships sunk by other subs. That is why Germany has not enough subs. to blockade England. . . ."

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"WHAT else did you tell Prince Harald?"

"Many things. For instance, the Germans lose scores of submarines through other kinds of collisions. That happens when they have their periscopes submerged. They collide with other subs. and with cargo steamers which they don't see; and they crackle up. The best German submarines have been so destroyed. I can prove one case by giving the sub.'s number. It was U with figures after it. . . ."

"That proves nothing. They are all U with figures after it. . . ."

"This sub. ran into another sub. off Lindesnaes, and sank. I spoke to a sailor who saw it at the bottom of the sea. The Germans further lose subs. from *Nattmössar*. . . ."

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"FROM what?"

"*Nattmössar*. Nightcaps. It is a Swedish word. The Germans call undersurface currents nightcaps. I know about nightcaps because I have been a fisherman. It is a common thing for undersurface currents to drag subs. out of their path. Sometimes the subs. know where nets and other traps lie; but the currents drive them into the traps. I believe that more subs. are lost from nightcaps than from any other cause. I told Prince Harald that soon the submarines will lie so thick on the sea bottom that all navigation will stop. The whole world will be blockaded by layers of submarines. . . ."

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HUMAN torpedo Rasmussen hesitated. Human torpedo Friis took up the theme. He vowed that off Fécamp a French airship let down a rope with grappling irons, and fished a sub. out of the Channel.

"That is a lie," interrupted Rasmussen. "Stick to the truth. I told Prince Harald that off Blankenberghe, where even in peace-time it's shallow enough, submarines lie three deep. And now about the submarines that operate in the Atlantic, let me tell a little yarn. . . ."

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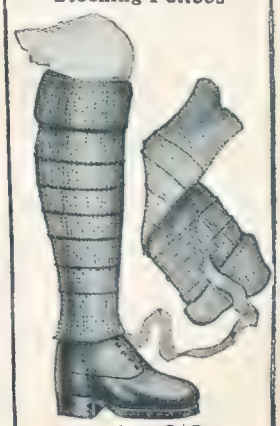

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"The tragedy that haunts one's wakeful nights"

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"Who cares for looks now"

The Horrors of Spring

At last spring with all its horrors is actually upon us. Either there is something woefully wrong with the calendar or else the seasons have been allowed to get terribly out of hand. However that may be, spring in these degenerate days seems determined to strafe us with all the worst discomforts of winter, cold and biting winds and snow, the sort of weather that makes a fur coat the necessary accompaniment to the new straw hat; and fur coats are not all "munition overalls" by any means. Some of us have old ones, antique creations dating from before the Hun deluge.

When's a Weed Not a Weed?

In spite of all the poets may say, spring is not an agreeable season. There is, of course, the excitement, if one has a garden, of seeing whether one's peas and potatoes are going to sprout or not and the old guessing game of distinguishing between the first appearance of one's cherished seedlings and weeds. It is not everyone, certainly not the amateur gardener, who can recognise a weed at first sight; and wouldn't it be too awful to pluck up all one's broad beans and leave the offspring of last year's bindweed in undisputed possession of the field? That is the sort of tragedy that haunts one's wakeful nights in these hard times.

Ornamental Gardening

It must come as a shock to many to find that gardening is not the pretty-pretty occupation of one's fancy, that one cannot dig or plant or weed in a crisp, white smock, white wash-leather gloves, and an insidious sunbonnet without disastrous results to one's wardrobe. Stout boots, ancient tweeds and sweaters are the order of the day, and thus arrayed the female gardener is anything but an alluring object, particularly when she has accumulated upon her person a considerable portion of garden soil. But who cares for looks now? Certainly no one whose thoughts turn yearningly upon home-grown vegetables.

"The slim silhouette"

The Clothes of Yester-Year

But, gardening apart, spring is grossly overrated as a period of joyfulness. There may be pleasant springs, but they are few and far between. Never is there a time when economy is more difficult. One's wardrobe screams aloud for replenishing. The first bright, sunny day shows up one's winter garments in a most uncompromising, not to say sickening, light. All one's last year's clothes are dingy, faded, and old-fashioned. It takes far more courage than a mere man can realise for a woman to appear in clothes of a former vintage. Even things that one had thought immeasurably seductive, and had counted on confidently to carry through another season, when dragged into the light of day seem quite too impossible. Hats are particularly depressing; their shapes seem somehow to have gone all queer—they look as though they had come out of the ark and were painfully conscious of the fact. Their unhappy owner would hate to be seen dead in them, just when she feels so very much alive, too.

The Snare of Nature

It may be weak, but the woman who recognises economy as a patriotic duty and determines to make her old clothes do, does yearn for the pleasant extravagances of other years. Rations are nothing. Any woman would quite cheerfully cut down by half

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"NOW THAT APRIL'S HERE" (concluded)

her own food consumption and that of her household (not including, of course, children and Pekes) if she could keep her spirits up by presenting herself to the world in new and fascinating frocks; and the pretty things one sees in the shops do not make economy in dress any the easier. Women are said to be several stages nearer nature than men, and when nature is ostentatiously bursting into fresh green raiment it is almost more than a woman can bear not to go and do likewise.

Two Birds With One Stone

HOWEVER, rationing is the important thing nowadays, and Dame Fashion at least is trying to be helpful according to her lights, for the slim silhouette is coming in again. That ought materially to assist the Food Controllers, so far as women are concerned, for one can't over-eat and be *modishly* thin. It is cheering to think that fasting, voluntary or compulsory, kills two birds with one stone. Bread, sugar, and potatoes are all fattening, and we should have had to give them up in any case if fashion gave out the order. It really looks, doesn't it, as though the food and fashion dictators had taken sweet counsel together?

"Here we are with spring upon us"

The Fashionable Frau

VERY consoling it is to think that however slight we may become the Germans must be slighter still—in fact, they must have begun long ago. It is one of the ironies of the war that the German Frau, in spite of her Government's appeals for real German fashions and German corporosity, is obliged, willy-nilly, to conform to the latest Paris hints as to figure. The slim German Frau is an anomaly; my experience of her is that she runs either to fat or bones.

The New Suit Wins

BUT I have wandered from my point. Here we are, then, with spring upon us—cold winds, showers, and spring-fever—all the usual little delicacies of the season; but this year we have added unto us (a singularly inappropriate phrase) rations and all the frantic calculating and weighing entailed thereby, not to mention the duel *à outrance* between the twinges of an economical conscience and the longing desire to adorn our breasts with a brighter crimson in imitation of the robin. I can guess which will win—women are incorrigible, and I doubt if we shall see any very striking shabbiness in dress.

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Books *of the* Week

A FEMINIST WHO DARES TO LAUGH

The Woman Question

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A New Book

Unless, of course, you happen to be Bernard Shaw, or W. L. George. Mr. George is an ardent feminist, who has attacked the question quite boldly and in some detail, and yet he has dared to laugh. In fact, reading his *The Intelligence of Women* (Jenkins: 5*s.* net) you imagine that his feminism, or whatever the correct word may be, has caused him the greatest possible amusement. I would not have you suppose for one moment that he has not approached his subject in a properly reverent spirit; in places he is almost scientifically serious; but, recognising that the woman question is only one of many, he has not felt constrained to throw off his natural light-heartedness or been temporarily forced to forget that nature provided him with a clever pen and a keen sense of humour.

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CAPTAIN A. J. A. DOUGLAS of the Cameron Highlanders, who has just read before the R.G.S. an interesting paper on "Morocco," in which he made some startling disclosures of the German methods in that country at the time of the Agadir incident.

Reasons for Success

The book will be a success—for several reasons. In the first place its opinions would not irritate even so strong an opponent as I imagine an Eastern potentate, not educated at Cambridge, would be. In the second place it is slightly scandalous.

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(I use the word, of course, in its best sense.) In the third place it is piquantly personal. You learn with feelings which defy description that Mr. George's dearest wish is to be a woman. You are also forced to believe that on one occasion he attempted to wash a baby. In the fourth place the book attacks all those pleasant old-world phenomena such as the home and the family and marriage, and shocks you almost as frequently as it tickles your sense of humour. Finally, it will cause much commotion amongst the dressmakers (if any of them are still outside the munition factories) because it fearlessly puts forth the theory that we shall not progress properly until women cease to spend fortunes on dress, and, like the mere male, adopt a uniform.

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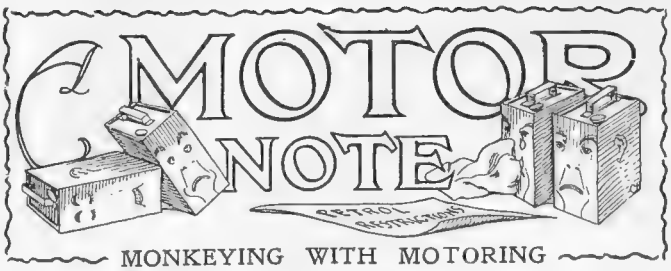

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A Matter of Minor and Major

GENERALLY it is pretty safe to monkey with a thing like motoring, because the mass of the people do not motor and still regard the car-owner as a moneyed person, who can afford to lose something. I'm not grumbling at that attitude either, because it is, in some sense, true. Also, it is fairly certain that, having removed the cause for popular criticism by placing the great kibosh upon one comparatively wealthy form of recreation like motoring, the official gentlemen can go with the larger safety to trim something more from the less wealthy. There is no consolation in that to the motorist of motoring bereft, but it is an explanation of an official attitude. At the same time, officials should not present themselves bound, even to long-suffering motorists. Mr. Chamberlain does that when he talks of the necessity for amusement and recreation to a class that has had its amusement and recreation cut clean away.

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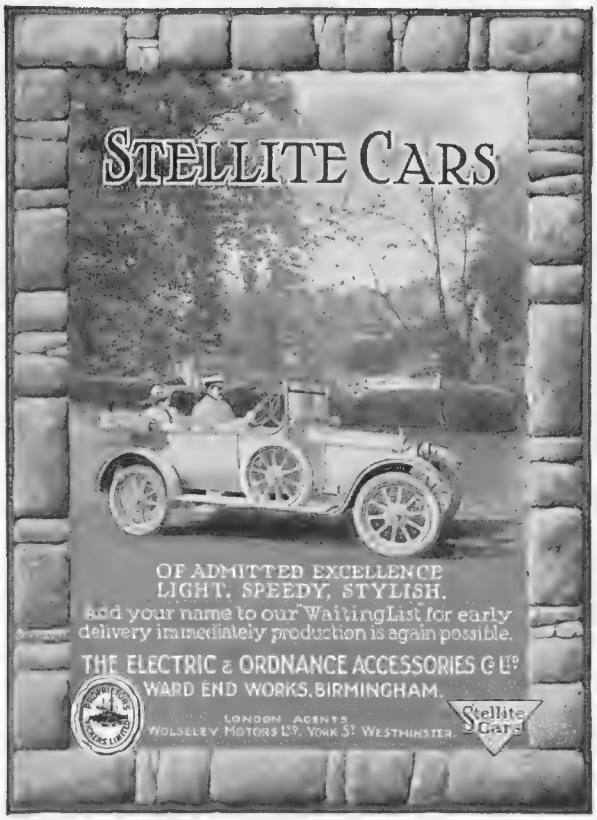

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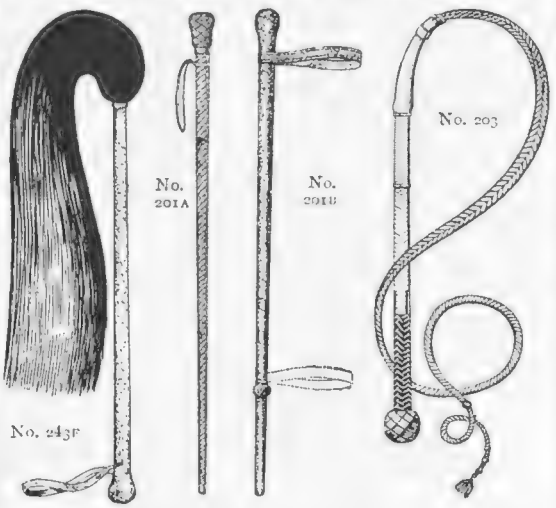

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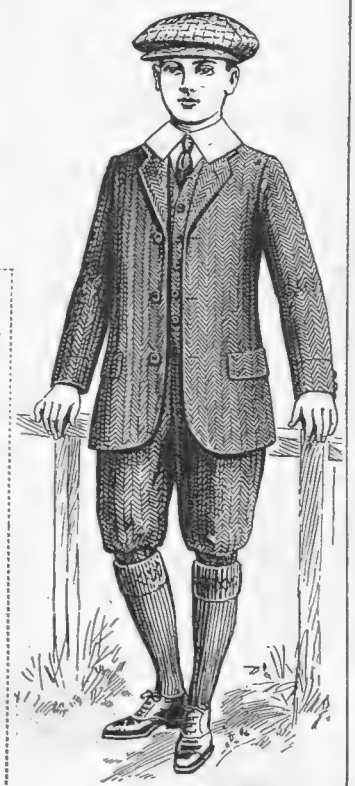

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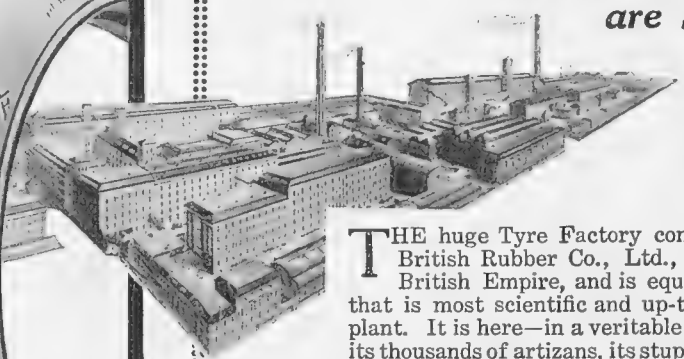

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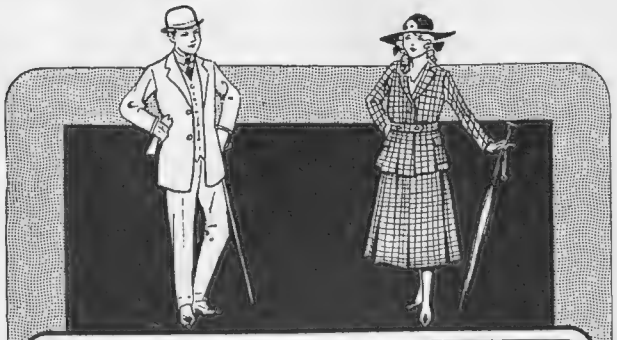

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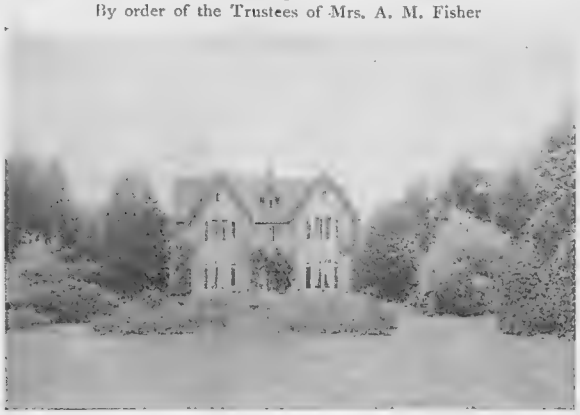

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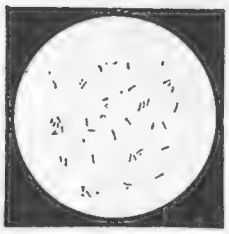

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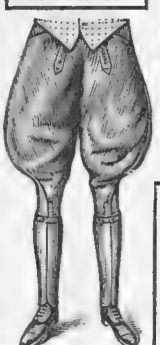

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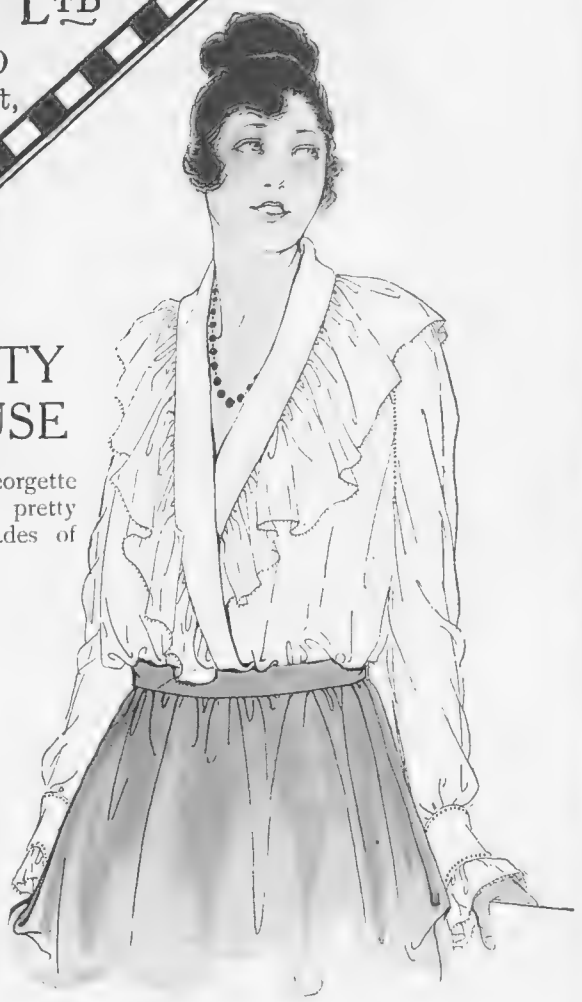

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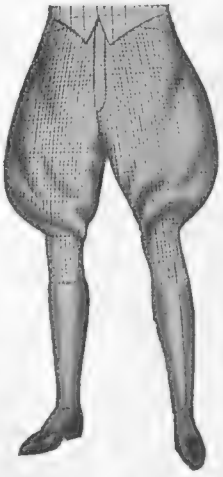

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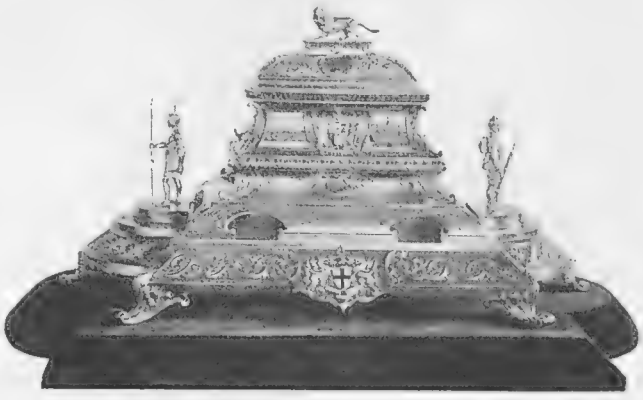

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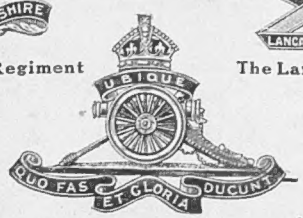

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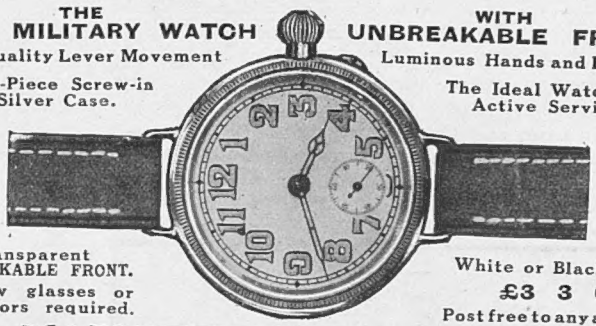
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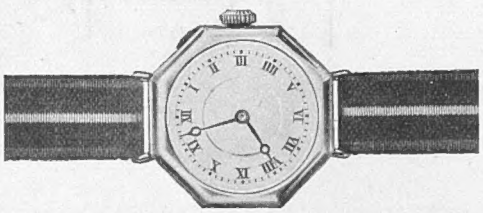

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